Conspiracy to Obtain Them by Trick and Perice Eminently Successful-After the Decorations Came Certificates Which Now Speak for Themselves.

Last November the editor of a business magazine which one may call Organization. because that it not its name, published an article describing in a complimentary manner the business methods of the New York Consulate of a South American republic which may be called Asturia, because there is no republic of that name. The Asturian Consul was so pleased that he took the trouble to say so to the editor, who will hereafter be referred to as Mr. Biffle Mr. Biffle responded gracefully and there sprang up between Consul and editor an intimacy that had genial results. Mr. Biffle is a member of a little group

of business men who dine together in the course of the winter every fortnight or so. To these men the editor proposed a pracical joke on the Asturian Government. They must pose as his assistants on the staff of Organization, he would inform the Consul that they all helped in the composition of that flattering article about the excellent business methods of the Consulate. and then they would see what happened in the way of gratitude. The eight business men promptly became gleeful conspirators against the Asturian Government and they were unable to restrain their delight when a few weeks later Mr. Biffle showed them the following communication from the Consulate-General of Asturia:

it is with much pleasure that I notify you that my Government has received a sift of \$60,000 from an Asturian engineer now resident in this country as a result of your excellent article in the August issue of Organization, in which you call attention o the work that the consular service is doing in attracting American capital to the development of our mines. In apprecia-Asturia through the Minister of Finance and Commerce, Dr. ---, and through our Minister at Washington, the Hon. ---, editorial staff of your magazine the cross of the Order of Ferdinand of the third class, pursuant to section 56 of the Statutes of Honors and Awards.

Will you favor me with a list of your editorial coworkers as early as convenient for record and receive authority for the issuance of the decorations? Very respect---- Consul-General.

Stance of the decorations? Very respectfully.

The conspirators rejoiced exceedingly among themselves that the Asturian Government was so easy. In the course of time they received notice from the Consulters and that the decorations had arrived from South America and that the counselier of the consulter would formally confer them whenever it was convenient. The conspirators made it promptly convenient, consulters with the decorations had arrived from South America and that the counselier of the consulter would formally confer them whenever it was convenient. The conspirators made it promptly convenient, constitution of the Republican club, and he arranged for a private dining room there where the ceremonies eight be performed secure from prying eyes that would not understand.

At the Republican Club, accordingly, the dinner was held. The counsellor of the Consultae proved to be a dark complexioned man of middle age, with strange whiskers and a thick Spanish accent. All the conspirators appeared in evening up on the history of Asturia in order that they might be able to converse intelligently with the Asturian regarding his far off country. This they did in the course of the dinner, relieving each other at brief intervals, since none of them had enough Asturian information to last him very long. And they were all much absorbed in preventing the counsellor of the Asturian consulter from discovering that they were frauds.

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that they were frauds.

When the time came for conferring the decorations Senor Sanchez, the Asturian representative, made a little talk about the history of the Order of Ferdinand. It came into existence in 1809, he said, at the time when the province of Babao made its declaration of independence as a result of which Asturia became 11 republican Government. To perpetuate this date the figures 1809 appeared on the cross of the order. The circumstances connected with the order's establishment were closely associated with the history of both Spain and Asturia. Asturia was in a condition bordering upon revolt against the home Government on account of the banishment of King Ferdinand, whom the colonists favored. In recognition of the loyalty of the colonists King Ferdinand established the order, which was now one of the few relics in a republican Government of the old monarchical rule.

Salling on the Cunarder Carpathia for Liverpool:

James Elton, George H. Streeton, Barcines Hedwig Leknow, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Neill O'Donnell, C. Fitzhugh Talman and Miss Elizabeth W. Jackson.

Guests of Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt.

Oyster Bay, May 19.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt to-day received about two hundred of her friends and neighbors at Sagamore Hill from 3 to 4 o'clock. She received the members of St. Agnes Guild of Christ Church. The Rev. Henry Homer Washburn of Christ Church assisted her two cousins poured tea and served lemonade and cake. Mrs. Roosevelt or receive. Miss Ethel Roosevelt and her two cousins poured tea and served lemonade and cake. Mrs. Roosevelt or receive. Miss Ethel Roosevelt and her two cousins poured tea and served lemonade and cake. Mrs. Roosevelt or receive. Miss Ethel Roosevelt and her two cousins poured tea and served lemonade and cake. Mrs. Roosevelt or receive. Miss Ethel Roosevelt or rec can Government of the old monarchica

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each goat hereby inscribes his name.

Each goat having ignorantly attested his goatness. Mr. Biffle proceeded to translate the certificate. Amazement on the conspirators sat. It was clear they didn't credit the translation. It looked as if Mr. Biffle was going to have a hard time to persuade his vickims that they had been stung, but he finally did it by exhibiting a bill from a downtown jeweller which said that Mr. Biffle had paid \$1.25 to shibiting a bill from a downtown jeweller which said that Mr. Biffle had paid \$1.25 to shibiting a bill from a downtown jeweller which said that Mr. Biffle had paid \$1.25 to shibiting a bill from a downtown jeweller which said that Mr. Biffle had paid \$1.25 to shibiting a bill from a downtown jeweller which said that Mr. Biffle had paid \$1.25 to shibiting a bill from a downtown jeweller formed the ceremony. The bride wors at white satin gown trimmed with duchess lace and carried a bouquet of lilies of the Valley. Miss Marie Dennerlein, a sister of the bride, was the maid of honor, and of the Order of King Ferdinand. Of course there is no Order of King Ferdinand and the Government of Asturia confers and the Government of Asturia confers no decorations of any sort whatever.

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The order, continued Señor Sanchez, was made up of three classes: The first was conferred only for military services; the second was conferred upon Government officials who had rendered conspicuous services of any sort, and the third was either for citizens or aliens who rendered services to the Asturian Government. If the gentlemen would pass before him, concluded Señor Sanchez, the decorations would be bestowed.

The conspirators, who had all risen and remained standing behind their chairs throughout this address, now passed before the diplomat one by one, looking a little scared, and the decorations were pinned upon the lapels of their dress coats. Señor Sanchez regretted that the certificates accompanying the decorations, which were in the lapels of the estate left by Heinrich Conried was stated to be not over \$50,000 in the application of Mrs. Augusta Conried, the widow, for letters of administration, which were granted yesterday by Surrogate Cohalan. Mrs. Conried was stated to be not over \$50,000 in the application of Mrs. Augusta Conried, the widow, for letters of administration, which were granted yesterday by Surrogate Cohalan. Mrs. Conried was stated to be not over \$50,000 in the application of Mrs. Augusta Conried, the widow, for letters of administration, which were granted yesterday by Surrogate Cohalan. Mrs. Conried was stated to be not over \$50,000 in the application of Mrs. Augusta Conried, the widow, for letters of administration, which were granted yesterday by Surrogate Cohalan. Mrs. Conried was stated to be not over \$50,000 in the application of Mrs. Augusta Conried, the widow, for letters of administration, which were granted yesterday by Surrogate Cohalan. Mrs. Conried was stated to be not over \$50,000 in the application of Mrs. Augusta Conried, the widow, for letters of administration, which were granted yesterday by Surrogate Cohalan. Mrs. Conried was stated to be not over \$50,000 in the application of Mrs. Augusta Conried, the widow, for letters of administration, whole were granted yes form of Maltese crosses of gold and white enamel, had missed the boat and would not arrive until later.

In the interval preceding the arrival of the certificates the conspirators went about looking a bit oppressed by their weirdly acquired distinction. They pestered the life out of Mr. Biffle with questions about the decorations and the etiquette of wearing them. Mr. Biffle was not very well up on the etiquette, but he said he would look into the matter and inform them when the certificates were bestowed. This event occurred on Tuesday night at a dinner held for that purpose at the taproom of the Prince George. The certificates, formal looking documents, couched in impressive looking Spanish were distributed among the conspirators and each was required to sign his certificate. This is how the things

The wedding of Dixon Boardman, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Boardman, and Miss Sara Adele Collins, daughter of Mr. and sara Adele Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Howard Collins, took place at 4 o'clock yesterday at the Hotel St. Regis. The first place of the correct class, infama por este cada y calquiera recepiente como un bobo sencillo y inculte orgulloso. En fe de lo qual cada bobo il scriba con este su nombre.

Which being translated freely means:

The Order of King/ Ferdinand, being fictitious, and established in 1809 and later, in name only, for the purpose of deceiving the nameless Nine on May 11, 1909, into telleving that they are receiving the cross of the third class, hereby brands each and every recipient as a credulous, uninformed and prideful goat. In witness of which each goat hereby inscribes his name.

KAISER'S GIFT TO MR. MORGAN.

Mr. More has been for five and a half years literary editor of the Erening Post, and since July 1, 1906, associate editor of the Nation. He was graduated OYSTER BAY, May 10.—Mrs. Theodore oosevelt to-day received about two hunders of A. M. from Harvard. He was degree of A. M. from Harvard. He was
for one year an instructor at Harvard
and for two years an associate in Sansorit and classical literature at Bryn
Mawr. He is the author of a volume of
poems, of a life of Benjamin Franklin
and of six volumes of Shelburne essays,
and other works, including the editing of an edition of Byron's poems

Pierrepont-Chauncey Engagement. Mr. and Mrs. Elihu Chauncey of 11 West Thirty-eighth street announce the en-The value of the estate left by Heinrich Conried was stated to be not over \$50,000 in the application of Mrs. Augusta Conried, the widow, for letters of administration, which were granted yesterday by Surrogate Cohalan. Mrs. Conried and her son, Richard G., are named as the only next of kin. The impresario left no real property and so far as is known no will.

Thirty-eighth street announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Nathalie Elizabeth Chauncey, to Seth Low Pierreport. Third Secretary of the American Embassy at Paris and youngest son of Henry Evelyn Pierrepont of Brooklyn. Mr. Pierrepont is here on leave of absence, and as he must return to his post by July 1 the wedding has been set for Wednesday. June 2. The ceremony will be held at 4 o'clock in Trinity Church. New York.

Ready May 27:

By Miriam Michelson,

Author of "In

the Bishop's

Michael Thwaite's Wife

WASHINGTON, May 19 -- Mrs. Taft is mproving rapidly from her recent inimproving rapidly from her recent in-disposition and expects to carry out her plans for the garden party on Friday afternoon. Master Charles Taft, whose tonsils were operated on early in the week in one of the bospitals, has been re-moved to the White House and he also expects to be out again in a few days. Mrs. Taft was greatly missed from the band concert this afternoon on the Speed-way, known now as Potomac Drive. This was the first concert she has missed since the formal opening of the drive and the first concert held there.

Bargain Day at Hope Farm Fete. The committee in charge of the lawn fete which is being held on the Lenox Library grounds at Madison avenue and Seventieth street for the benefit of Hope Farm announced last night that it had been decided to reduce the price of admission for to-day and to-night, the last day and night of the fete, from \$2 to \$1.

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a cross.
The early Spanish conquerors considered this cross as a proof of Christianity having existed in Mexico before the conquest, but according to Leopoldo Batres, the national inspector of archeological monuments, it is more probable that it is the Buddhist Tree of Life, the arrangement of the other figures about the tree seeming to bear out this theory.
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esting and instructive article" on Switzerland; it came in labeled "The Search for a Hard Boiled Egg." What could we do? We couldn't send him back for another, so we stood for it, and it looks

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